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#### SHORT COMMUNICATION

**A record of *Tetrastichus legionarius* Giraud (Hymenoptera: Eulophidae) from Kent.**— On 22.iii.2006 I collected some galls of *Lipara lucens* Meigen (Diptera: Chloropidae) in stems of *Phragmites australis* (Cav.) Trin. ex Steudel from the extensive reed beds at Stodmarsh, Kent, (TR2261). The galls were kept in a well-ventilated and shaded garden shed and from one of the galls two male and 11 female *Tetrastichus legionarius* Giraud emerged on 3.vii.2006. This species is well known as a gregarious parasitoid of *L. lucens* in Europe but there is only one previous report of *T. legionarius* in Britain. Six males and 26 females were reared from a gall collected on 12.vi.1996 at Rushey Mead Nature Reserve, Essex (Plant, 1997, *Entomologist's Record & Journal of Variation*, 109: 10). Elsewhere in its range *T. legionarius* is said to be uncommon or rare. A study in the Netherlands showed that from over 10,000 opened galls only two *L. lucens* puparia were found to be parasitised by *T. legionarius* (Chvalá, Doskočil, Mook & Pokorný, 1974, *Tijdschrift Voor Entomologie*, 117: 23).

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